Delta Hot Spots for Pesticides of Concern

Pesticide	Known Hot Spot	Potential Hot Spot	
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Source:

Known Toxic Hot Spot: Exceed water or sediment quality objectives, water or sediment exhibit toxicity associated with toxic pollutants, and tissue toxic pollutant levels of organisms collected from the site exceed levels established by OEHHA, FDA, DHA, NAS.

Potential Toxic Hot Spot: Sites with existing information indicating possible impairment, but without sufficient information to be classified as "known" toxic hot spot.

Water Quality Goals Established by the State of California, USEPA, and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards

	California Inland Surface Waters Plan ^e Numerical Water Quality Objectives Freshwater Aquatic Life Protection		Numerical Water Quality Objectives Freshwater Aquatic Life Protection		Regional Water Quality Control Boards ^J 1995 Water Quality Control Plans Region II			Region V					
Pesticide of Concern	4-day average	Daily Average	1-hour Average	i	Continuous Concentration (4 day Average)	24-hour Average	Maximum Concentration (1-hour Average)	Value	Sacramento River	San Joaquin River	Delta	Value	Bay

Summary Effects of Pesticides of Concern that Occur in the Bay/Delta Estuary

Pesticide	Effects
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Summary Concentrations of Pesticides of Concern in Bay/Delta Estuary Biota

		Concen	tration (pp	m wet weigh	t)]	
Pesticide	Mussel	Clam	Fish	Bird	Seal	Concentrations Exceeding Alert Levels in Delta *	Comments
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^a Alert Levels refer to maximum tissue residue levels that are protective of human health. They include:

¹⁾ the median international standard (MIS), which is a general guideline of what other nations consider to be elevated contaminant levels in fish and shellfish tissue;

²⁾ the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) action levels, which represent maximum allowable concentrations for some toxic substances in human foods;

³⁾ the State Department of Health Service's maximum allowable residue levels (MARL), established to ensure that a consumer of specified fish or wildlife species does not exceed the permissible intake level for particular contaminants.

Concentrations of Pesticides of Concern in Waters of the Bay/Delta Estuary (ppb)

Pesticide	Range of Total Concentrations	State Water Quality Objective Upstream of San Pablo Bay	Any Samples Exceeding State Water Quality Objectives?

Concentrations of Pesticides of Concern in San Francisco Bay Sediments (ppm)

Trace Element	Mean	Range
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CALFED Ecosystem Water Quality Water Quality Objectives Metals

	4-Day	Average Objectives	Location-Specific Objectives		
Parameter	USEPA SF Bay Region Basin Plan		Central Valley Region Ba	y Region Basin Plan	
Cadmium	2.2 μg/l	1.1 μg/l (100 mg/l hardness)	River and tributaries from above State Hwy 32 bridge at Hamilton City	.65 μg/l (100 mg/l hardness)	
Copper	9.0 μg/l	11.8 μg/l (100 mg/l hardness)	River and tributaries from above State Hwy 32 bridge at Hamilton City	12.9 μg/l (100 mg/l hardness)	
Mercury	0.012 μg/l	0.025 μg/l			
Selenium	5 μg/l		Water supplies used for waterfowl habitat in the Grassland Water District, San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, and Los Banos State Wildlife Area	2 μ g/l (monthly mean)	
Zinc	120 μg/l	23 μg/l (100 mg/l hardness)	River and tributaries from above State Hwy 32 bridge at Hamilton City	32.7 μg/l (100 mg/l hardness)	

CALFED Ecosystem Water Quality Water Quality Objectives Organics/Pesticides

Parameter	4-Day Average Objective	24-hour Average Objective
Carbofuran		
Chlordane		0.0043 µg/l
Chlorpyrifos	0.041 μg/l	es es
Diazinon		
DDT		0.0010 μg/l
PCBs		0.014 μg/l
Toxaphene	0.0002 μg/l	

Source: USEPA National Ambient Water Quality Criteria, Freshwater Aquatic Life Protection